

## **FCC REPORT**

### **OCT -DEC 2009**

#### **CRIME & VIOLENCE**

5AM - 12/16

D-C POLICE OFFICER SWORN TO UPHOLD THE LAW IS ACCUSED OF BREAKING IT. OFFICER REGINALD JONES FACES FELONY MURDER CHARGES IN COURT TODAY. POLICE SAY HE HELPED FRIENDS PLOT A FAILED DRUG ROBBERY IN SOUTHEAST D-C TWO WEEKS AGO... THAT RESULTED IN THE SHOOTING DEATH OF 40 YEAR-OLD ARVELL ALSTON. JONES REPORTEDLY SERVED AS THE LOOKOUT...USING HIS PATROL CAR AS A DISTRACTION. TWO OTHER PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE SHOOTING.

6AM - 10/20

A FEDERAL APPEALS COURT IS REFUSING TO RECONSIDER ITS RULING THAT POLICE CHECKPOINTS IN D-C'S TROUBLED TRINIDAD NEIGHBORHOOD WERE UNCONSTITUTIONAL. LAST YEAR, D-C POLICE SCREENED WHO CAME IN AND OUT THAT NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE CRIME. THE CITY IS SAID TO BE CONSIDERING TAKING THE CASE TO THE SUPREME COURT.

6AM - 12/9

CLASSES ARE CANCELED TODAY AT NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE WOODBRIDGE CAMPUS AFTER A SHOOTING. POLICE SAY 20-YEAR-OLD JASON HAMILTON FIRED SEVERAL SHOTS IN A CLASSROOM YESTERDAY... FORTUNATELY NO ONE WAS HURT. HE'S BEING HELD WITHOUT BOND...CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER.

12PM - 11/23

NEW F-B-I DATA SHOW A SHARP INCREASE IN HATE CRIMES BASED ON RELIGIOUS OR ANTI-GAY BIAS. OVERALL, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED HATE CRIMES INCREASED BY TWO PERCENT. BUT NINE PERCENT OF THOSE WERE BASED ON RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE... AND ELEVEN PERCENT ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

12PM - 12/20

THE DISTRICT IS ON TRACK TO HAVE THE FEWEST MURDERS IN 40 YEARS. SO FAR THIS YEAR, POLICE RECORDED 138 HOMICIDES. THAT'S DOWN 25 PERCENT FROM THIS TIME LAST YEAR.. WHEN THERE WERE 184 MURDERS. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOMICIDES FOR 2008 WAS 186.

12PM - 12/24

A TENNESSEE MAN ACCUSED OF TAKING HOSTAGES AT A SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA POST OFFICE HAS BEEN ARRAIGNED. POLICE SAY 53-YEAR-OLD WARREN TAYLOR HELD THREE HOSTAGES INSIDE THE WYTHEVILLE (WITH-VILLE) POST OFFICE FOR MORE THAN EIGHT HOURS YESTERDAY. THE STANDOFF ENDED PEACEFULLY LATE LAST NIGHT. NO ONE WAS INJURED. IN COURT TODAY, TAYLOR APOLOGIZED FOR DISRUPTING THE HOLIDAYS. TAYLOR WAS ORDERED TO MEDICAL FACILITY TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE IS MENTALLY STABLE.

5PM - 10/15

WE HAVE MORE BREAKING NEWS...THIS TIME OUT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY... WHERE AN ARREST HAS BEEN MADE IN A NEARLY 30-YEAR-OLD COLD CASE. PROSECUTORS HAVE CHARGED TIMOTHY BUZBEE IN CONNECTION WITH A SERIES OF RAPES IN ASPEN HILL AND WHEATON BETWEEN 1977 AND 1980. AUTHORITIES SAY D-N-A EVIDENCE LINKED HIM TO THE CRIMES. BUZBEE IS SERVING THREE LIFE SENTENCES FOR RAPES COMMITTED IN 1981 AND 1982. WE'LL HAVE MORE ON THIS STORY COMING UP ON A-B-C SEVEN NEWS AT SIX.

5PM - 12/14

DISTRICT POLICE COULD SOON HAVE THE POWER TO CREATE NO-LOITERING ZONES TO GIVE STUDENTS A SAFER TRIP TO AND FROM SCHOOL. D-C COUNCIL MEMBERS CAME UP WITH THE IDEA. IN "SAFE PASSAGE EMERGENCY ZONES", POLICE COULD DISPERSE OR ARREST PEOPLE THEY BELIEVE ARE HANGING OUT TO COMMIT A CRIME. A RASH OF VIOLENCE OUTSIDE FRIENDSHIP EDISON HIGH SCHOOL PROMPTED THE BILL. CRITICS SAY IT WOULD BE INEFFECTIVE AND HAS LEGAL PROBLEMS.

11PM - 11/5

D-C POLICE ARE LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY THAT RECENT ATTACKS ON GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS MAY HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY THE SAME SEX MARRIAGE DEBATE. THREE INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN THE LAST WEEK TARGETING GAY, LESBIAN AND TRANSGENDERED STUDENTS. POLICE HAVE NOW CLASSIFIED THE ATTACKS AS "HATE CRIMES." CHIEF CATHY LANIER SAYS GAY-RELATED HATE CRIMES ARE ON THE RISE IN WARDS SIX AND SEVEN OVER THE LAST YEAR.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

5AM - 11/10

THERE'S WORD THAT THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS OUT OF A JOB. SOURCES TELL WTOP RADIO.. NOAH WEPMAN WAS FIRED LAST WEEK FOR WITHHOLDING BUDGET NUMBERS FROM THE D.C. COUNCIL. LAST MONTH HE TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE 43-MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET GAP THAT FORCED THE FIRINGS OF HUNDREDS OF TEACHERS WAS NOT ENTIRELY THE RESULT OF COUNCIL BUDGET CUTS. AND HE SAID THE SCHOOL BUDGET WAS CERTIFIED.. DESPITE THE FACT THAT THERE WAS A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET SHORTFALL.

12PM - 10/8

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND'S TWO CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR WILL FACE OFF TONIGHT. INCUMBANT SUSAN HOFFMANN WILL DEBATE COUNCILWOMAN PHYLLIS MARCUCCI AT THE ROCKVILLE SENIOR CENTER. ROCKVILLE VOTERS WILL SELECT THEIR MAYOR AND FOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS IN NOVEMBER.

12PM - 11/23

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL WILL FORGO ITS ANNUAL COST OF LIVING RAISE NEXT YEAR. COUNCIL PRESIDENT PHIL ANDREWS TELLS W-T-O-P RADIO THAT AS LONG AS THE COUNTY IS ASKING EMPLOYEES TO GO WITHOUT RAISES... COUNCIL MEMBERS SHOULD TOO.

5PM - 10/26

THE DEBATE OVER NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION IN RESTURANTS IS HEATING UP AGAIN IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY. COUNCIL MEMBERS FIRST STARTED WORKING ON A BILL IN 2007 TO REQUIRE RESTAURANTS WITH TEN OR MORE FACILITIES NATIONALLY TO POST NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION ON THEIR MENUS. THE BILL IS SCHEDULED TO BE HEARD AGAIN ON THURSDAY. NEW YORK CITY HAS ALREADY PASSED NUTRITION LABELING REQUIREMENTS, AND SIMILAR LEGISLATION HAS BEEN INTRODUCED AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

5PM - 12/15

SOME D-C CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE QUESTIONING WHY THE CITY PAID BONUSES DESPITE A LAW CURBING THE PRACTICE IN TOUGH FINANCIAL TIMES. EMPLOYEES IN EIGHT DEPARTMENTS RECEIVED MORE THAN 560-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN BONUSES. THE MAJORITY WENT TO LAWYERS IN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. THE DISTRICT HAS PAID NEARLY 15-MILLION DOLLARS IN BONUSES SINCE MAYOR ADRIAN FENTY TOOK OFFICE ACCORDING TO THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER.

6PM - 11/3

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR 50 NEW SPEED CAMERAS COMING TO A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SCHOOL ZONE NEAR YOU. COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVED THE NEW CAMERAS TO BE INSTALLED OVER THE NEXT 18 MONTHS. DRIVERS WILL HAVE A 30 DAY GRACE PERIOD, BUT AFTER THAT IF THE CAMERAS CATCH YOU SPEEDING, EXPECT A 40 DOLLAR TICKET IN THE MAIL.

11PM - 10/24

D-C ATTORNEY GENERAL PETER NICKLES SAYS THE CITY'S HOUSING AUTHORITY VIOLATED A LAW REQUIRING THE D-C COUNCIL'S APPROVAL ON CONTRACTS WORTH MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS. THE AGENCY AWARDED 82-MILLION DOLLARS IN CONTRACTS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS WITHOUT GETTING THE COUNCIL'S O-K. SEVERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS PLAN TO HOLD A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE ON THE ISSUE NEXT FRIDAY.

11PM - 12/31

A MARYLAND STATE DELEGATE WILL REINTRODUCE A BILL IN THE 2010 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROHIBIT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS FROM BANNING THE USE OF CLOTHESLINES. THE BILL DIED IN COMMITTEE IN THE LAST LEGISLATIVE SESSION. THE DELEGATE SAYS CLOTHES LINES SAVE ENERGY AND ARE A GREEN ALTERNATIVE.

## **SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

5AM - 12/24

D.C.'S LARGEST NEEDLE-EXCHANGE PROGRAM IS NEARLY OUT OF CASH. THAT'S THE WORD FROM "THE WASHINGTON POST." IT SAYS THE PROGRAM.. "PREVENTION WORKS".. HAS AT TIMES BEEN UNABLE TO SUPPLY CLEAN SYRINGES TO INTRAVENOUS DRUG USERS. THAT'S DESPITE ONE-MILLION DOLLARS IN CITY AIDS FUNDING OVER THREE YEARS. FOR NEARLY A DECADE.. CONGRESS BANNED D.C. FROM USING GOVERNMENT MONEY TO GIVE ADDICTS CLEAN NEEDLES. THE BAN WAS LIFTED IN 2007.

5PM - 12/11

MICHAEL VICK'S UNCLE IS ONE OF 22 PEOPLE CHARGED WITH PARTICIPATING IN A DRUG RING IN EASTERN VIRGINIA. 57 YEAR OLD JOSEPH VICK JUNIOR IS ACCUSED OF BEING A MID-LEVEL DISTRIBUTOR. POLICE SAY THE DRUG RING DISTRIBUTED HUNDREDS OF GRAMS OF HEROIN. VICK IS THE UNCLE OF PHILADELPHIA EAGLES QUARTERBACK MICHAEL VICK, WHO WAS RECENTLY RELEASED FROM PRISON AFTER SERVING 20 MONTHS FOR ORGANIZING A DOGFIGHTING RING.

11PM - 10/08

A FEDERAL JUDGE HAS FREED THE PRESIDENT OF THE PAGANS MOTORCYCLE CLUB AFTER HE WAS CHARGED WITH RACKETEERING AND AIDING AND ABETTING. DAVID BARBEITO WAS RELEASED ON BOND. THE MULTI COUNT INDICTMENT NAMES BARBEITO AS A LEADER OF THE CLUB WHICH ENGAGED IN KIDNAPPING, ROBBERY, EXTORTION, DRUG AND ARMS TRAFFICKING, AND CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER.

11PM - 12/15

ONLY ON SEVEN TONIGHT, OUR CAMERAS WERE THERE AS PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE RAIDED HOMES WHERE DRUG DEALING WAS BELIEVED TO BE TAKING PLACE. THE WIDE-SPREAD DRAGNET REACHED COUNTY WIDE. THE CONFISCATED DRUGS RANGE FROM MARIJUANA TO PRESCRIPTION PAINKILLERS TO HEROIN. AUTHORITIES ALSO SEIZED GUNS IN THE RAIDS. IN TOTAL, MORE THAN FIFTY PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED.

## **HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS**

12PM - 12/1

THE D-C GOVERNMENT WILL BEGIN GIVING OUT 7-AND-A-HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL STIMULUS AID TO HOMELESS FAMILIES THIS WEEK. THE MONEY WILL HELP UP TO 800 FAMILIES REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES OR GET BACK INTO HOUSING. HOMELESS FAMILIES COULD RECEIVE A RENT SUBSIDY FOR UP TO 18 MONTHS.

12PM - 12/8

A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEMORIAL NAMED IN HONOR OF TWO OF ABE POLLIN'S CHILDREN IS FUNDING NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR CITY WORKERS IN THE DISTRICT. CITY LEADERS HELD A GROUNDBREAKING THIS MORNING IN NORTHEAST. THE NEW COMMUNITY WILL FEATURE 125 FOR-SALE AND RENTAL HOMES IN NORTHEAST, ALONG WITH LANDSCAPED GREEN SPACE AND A PLAYGROUND

5PM - 11/18

POLITICAL RAP ICONS, PUBLIC ENEMY, ARE HOLDING A BENEFIT CONCERT AT LISNER AUDITORIUM TONIGHT. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE SASHA BRUCE HOUSE IN SOUTHEAST D-C. AFTER A THANKSGIVING DINNER AT 6:30 FOR THE HOMELESS CHILDREN THERE, PUBLIC ENEMY WILL BOARD A FLAT BED TRUCK AND PERFORM A FREE SHOW FOR PEOPLE ON THE STREET, AS THEY MAKE THEIR WAY TO THE CONCERT AT LISNER IN NORTHWEST.

6PM - 11/11

THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT IS REPORTEDLY THREATENING TO CUT OFF MORE THAN TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL FUNDING NEXT YEAR TO THE DISTRICT IF THE LAPSES IN THE CITY'S AIDS PROGRAM ARE NOT FIXED. THE WASHINGTON POST IS REPORTING HUD OFFICIALS STIPULATE THAT NO NEW AIDS HOUSING MONEY WILL BE AWARDED UNLESS THE CITY MAKES SIGNIFICANT CHANGES, INCLUDING BETTER OVERSIGHT OF ORGANIZATIONS WHO RECEIVE FUNDING.

## HEALTH & HEALTH CARE

6AM - 12/12

THE SENATE HAS PASSED A BILL THAT CLEARS THE WAY FOR THE D-C GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW MEDICAL MARIJUANA USE. THE HOUSE ALREADY APPROVED IT. THE BILL WOULD ALSO ALLOW TAX DOLLARS TO BE USED TO HELP LOW INCOME WOMEN PAY FOR ABORTIONS... AND CONTINUE TO FUND NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS. IT NOW HEADS TO PRESIDENT OBAMA'S DESK.

12PM - 10/9

AND IN FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA, TOMORROW... A LOCAL DOCTOR WILL GIVE OUT 500 FREE \*SEASONAL\* FLU SHOTS. IT'LL BE FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED AT THE FREDERICKSBURG HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON JACKSON STREET, FROM ONE TO THREE P-M TOMORROW.

12PM - 10/30

VIRGINIA HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY THE NUMBER OF SWINE-FLU RELATED HOSPITAL AND DOCTOR VISITS HAS PLATEAUED. PATIENTS REPORTING SWINE FLU SYMPTOMS MAKE UP 14 PERCENT OF ALL EMERGENCY-ROOM AND URGENT-CARE MEDICAL VISITS. TWELVE PEOPLE HAVE DIED STATEWIDE FROM FLU-RELATED PROBLEMS.

12PM - 11/10

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL CENTER WILL SOON UNDERTAKE A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN ITS KIDNEY TRANSPLANT PROGRAM. DOCTORS THERE ARE PLANNING A KIDNEY EXCHANGE INVOLVING MULTIPLE LIVING DONORS AND PATIENTS FROM FOUR STATES RANGING IN AGE FROM 10 TO 74 YEARS OLD.

5PM - 10/6

NEW TONIGHT... VIRGINIA HAS RECEIVED ITS FIRST SHIPMENTS OF THE SWINE FLU VACCINE. OFFICIALS HAVE DELIVERED 83-THOUSAND 700 DOSES OF THE NASAL-MIST TO HOSPITALS, CLINICS, AND LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. THESE FIRST DOSES WILL BE GIVEN TO HEALTH CARE WORKERS WHO HAVE CONTACT WITH PATIENTS. THE NASAL SPRAY USES A WEAKENED LIVE VIRUS AND SHOULD ONLY BE GIVEN TO HEALTHY PEOPLE. THE INJECTABLE VACCINE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE SOMETIME THIS WEEK FOR HIGH-RISK GROUPS.

5PM - 10/15

SUPPORTERS OF HEALTH CARE REFORM GATHERED IN NORTHWEST WASHINGTON TO SEND A MESSAGE. DOZENS OF PEOPLE PROTESTED OUTSIDE THE OFFICES OF THE WELL POINT INSURANCE COMPANY. THE DEMONSTRATORS CALLED FOR A SINGLE PAYER SYSTEM...AND SAY PRESIDENT OBAMA BROKE HIS CAMPAIGN PROMISE FOR REAL REFORM. THEY ALSO BLAME THE INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR THE PROBLEMS FACING THE U-S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

5PM - 10/23

AND TODAY STAFFORD COUNTY RESIDENTS CAN GET THEIR \*SEASONAL\* INFLUENZA SHOTS WITHOUT EVEN GETTING OUT OF THEIR CARS! OFFICIALS WITH THE RAPPAHANNOCK AREA HEALTH DISTRICT ARE OFFERING A DRIVE-UP CLINIC FOR ADULTS AT THE STAFFORD REGIONAL AIRPORT. HEALTH OFFICIALS THERE HAVE THREE THOUSAND DOSES OF THE VACCINE... AND WILL GIVE THEM OUT \*ONLY\* TO PEOPLE IN VEHICLES.

5PM - 12/7

A MARYLAND RESEARCHER IS ABOUT TO RECEIVE THE HONOR OF A LIFETIME. DOCTOR CAROL GREIDER (GRY-DURR) WILL RECEIVE THE "NOBEL PRIZE FOR MEDICINE" DURING A CEREMONY IN SWEDEN ON THURSDAY. THE JOHNS HOPKINS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE RESEARCHER AND MOTHER OF TWO SAYS HER LIFE WAS PRETTY NORMAL UNTIL SHE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL IN EARLY OCTOBER.

11PM - 10/9

THE FIGHT AGAINST THE SO-CALLED "SWINE FLU" TOOK CENTER STAGE IN OUR REGION TODAY. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, AND EDUCATION SECRETARY ARNE DUNCAN WERE ON HAND AS STUDENTS received THE H-ONE-N-ONE VACCINE AT DODGE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOOL IN LANDOVER. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PLANS TO HOLD ADDITIONAL SCHOOL CLINICS ARE SCHEDULED FOR LATER THIS MONTH.

## **RACIAL, ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS & SEXUAL**

5AM - 11/10

A SALVADORAN WOMAN IS SUING THE FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT... CLAIMING SHE WAS ARRESTED BECAUSE OF HER RACE. A LATINO RIGHTS GROUP WILL FILE THE LAWSUIT TODAY. 29-YEAR OLD ROXANA ORELLANA SAYS SHE WAS EATING LUNCH IN OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR - WHEN TWO SHERIFF DEPUTIES INTERROGATED... THEN HANDCUFFED HER. AUTHORITIES SAY THEY HAD REASON TO QUESTION HER IMMIGRATION STATUS. HER LAWYER CALLS IT RACIAL PROFILING.

6AM - 12/22

THE FORT HOOD SHOOTING SUSPECT IS NOW FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHT TO PRACTICE HIS RELIGION. A LAWYER FOR MAJOR NIDAL HASAN SAYS HIS CLIENT WAS PREVENTED FROM PRAYING IN ARABIC WITH HIS FAMILY ON FRIDAY. THE ATTORNEY SAYS POLICE STOPPED A PHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN HASAN AND HIS BROTHER.. BECAUSE IT WASN'T IN ENGLISH. THE LAWYER SAYS HE THINKS THAT'S A VIOLATION OF HASAN'S RELIGIOUS RIGHTS. HASAN IS ACCUSED OF KILLING 13 PEOPLE IN LAST MONTH'S ATTACK.

12PM - -11/10

ACCORDING TO THE WASHINGTON POST, THE CHANGES WILL INCLUDE A PROVISION MAKING IT EASIER FOR CHURCHES TO AVOID PARTICIPATION IN GAY WEDDINGS. A PROVISION ELIMINATING DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS ONCE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IS PERMITTED.. COULD ALSO BE REMOVED FROM THE BILL.

5PM - 10/15

THE SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE HAS RECEIVED A BIG GIFT. THE BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION IS GIVING TEN-MILLION DOLLARS TO THE MUSEUM...WHICH WILL BE BUILT ON THE NATIONAL MALL. THE FOUNDATION SAYS THE MUSEUM WILL MAKE THE STORIES AND HISTORY OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE. GROUNDBREAKING IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN 20-12. THE MUSEUM SHOULD OPEN IN 20-15.

11PM - 10/2

NEW AT ELEVEN TONIGHT, A VIRGINIA TECH STUDENT FACES VANDALISM CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH RACIAL SLURS AND SWASTIKAS FOUND ON CAMPUS. POLICE BELIEVE 19 YEAR OLD SAMUEL PURTELL HAS BEEN PAINTING GRAFFITI ON BATHROOM WALLS ACROSS CAMPUS SINCE THE MIDDLE OF AUGUST. THERE WERE ALSO REFERENCES TO ADOLF HITLER AND TO THE GUNMAN WHO KILLED 32 PEOPLE ON THE CAMPUS IN 2007. MORE CHARGES MAY BE FILED.



## EDUCATION

5AM - 11/10

POTENTIALLY DEVASTATING NEWS FOR THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM.. MARYLAND'S ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS FOUND THAT THE COUNTY FAILED TO MEET THE STATE'S MINIMUM LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR EDUCATION. SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAM HITE TELLS "THE WASHINGTON POST".. THE SCHOOL SYSTEM COULD NOW BE LIABLE FOR NEARLY 27-MILLION DOLLARS IN PENALTIES.

12PM - 12/1

VIRGINIA MIDDLE SCHOOLERS CAN START PAYING FOR COLLEGE.. NOW! THE STATE'S PREPAID EDUCATION PROGRAM OPENS TO NEW PARTICIPANTS TODAY. NINTH GRADERS AND YOUNGER CAN ENROLL UNTIL MARCH 31ST. IT WILL NOW COST PARENTS FOUR PERCENT MORE TO PRE-PAY A YEAR OF TUITION AT A FOUR-YEAR STATE UNIVERSITY... A PRICE BASED ON PROJECTED FUTURE TUITION.

5PM - 10/15

THE RESULTS OF NATIONWIDE MATH TESTS ARE IN...AND D-C STUDENTS ARE MAKING PROGRESS. FOURTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS SCORED \*HIGHER\* ON THE TESTS THAN THEY DID IN 2007. BUT D-C STILL RANKS LAST IN THE NATION. SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR MICHELLE RHEE SAYS THE SYSTEM IS WORKING TO IMPROVE SCORES. SHE SAYS THERE ARE MATH INSTRUCTIONAL SPECIALISTS IN EVERY ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL...AND INTERVENTION PROGRAMS ARE BEING RAMPED UP.

5PM - 10/21

AROUND OUR REGION THIS EVENING... THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAS RELEASED SOME DISAPPOINTING NUMBERS FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA HISPANIC STUDENTS... THE LATEST STATISTICS SHOW THE GRADUATION RATE FOR HISPANIC STUDENTS IN OUR AREA REMAINS FAR BELOW THAT OF NON-HISPANIC STUDENTS. IN FAIRFAX, THE LARGEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT, ONLY 73 PERCENT OF HISPANIC STUDENTS GRADUATED LAST YEAR... COMPARED TO ALEXANDRIA AND ARLINGTON, WHERE ONLY 65 AND 69 PERCENT OF HISPANICS GRADUATED, RESPECTIVELY. IN EACH LOCALITY, THE RATES WERE AT LEAST 20 PERCENTAGE POINTS LOWER THAN THE STUDENTS' WHITE COUNTERPARTS.

5PM - 12/9

BIGGER CLASSES AND LAYOFFS COULD BE ON THE WAY FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOLS. THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY FACING A 600-MILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL. TODAY, SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT JERRY WEAST RELEASED A PROPOSED BUDGET PLAN THAT SAVES JOBS AND INCREASES EDUCATION SPENDING BY ONE PERCENT. WEAST'S PROPOSAL WOULD ONLY BE POSSIBLE IF MARYLAND WAIVES A MINIMUM FUNDING REQUIREMENT.

5PM - 12/31

BUDGET CUTS ARE ALSO AFFECTING LOCAL SCHOOLS. FAIRFAX COUNTY MIGHT CUT BACK ON ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN. ORIGINALLY SLATED FOR ALL 139 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS... SUPERINTENDENT JACK DALE WILL PROPOSE NEXT MONTH TO SCALE IT BACK FROM THE CURRENT 101 SCHOOLS, TO JUST 32. THOSE WOULD SERVE THE COUNTY'S POOREST AREAS. THAT COULD SAVE 13 MILLION DOLLARS... AND COULD HELP FILL A 176-MILLION-DOLLAR SHORTFALL FOR THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

6PM - 11/2

SOME LUCKY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO TAKE PART IN A LEADERSHIP AND MENTORING INITIATIVE WITH THE WHITE HOUSE. FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA KICKED OFF THE EVENT THIS AFTERNOON WITH A MEET AND GREET IN THE STATE ROOM OF THE WHITE HOUSE. THE TENTH AND ELEVENTH GRADERS FROM D-C, MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA WILL BE PAIRED WITH SENIOR WOMEN IN THE WHITE HOUSE. THE PROGRAM FOCUSES ON EDUCATION, CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND LIFE SKILLS.

11PM - 10/3

LAID OFF TEACHERS ARRIVED AT D-C SCHOOLS TODAY TO CLEAN OUT THEIR CLASSROOMS... AND COLLECT THEIR BELONGINGS. 388 EMPLOYEES .... INCLUDING 229 TEACHERS.... FOUND OUT YESTERDAY THEY WERE LOSING THEIR JOBS. VIOLENCE BROKE OUT OUTSIDE MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL AFTER THE LAYOFFS WERE ANNOUNCED. CITY OFFICIALS BLAME THE CUTS ON A 40 MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET SHORTFALL. BUT SOME PARENTS AND TEACHERS SAY... IT'S STUDENTS WHO WILL END UP PAYING THE PRICE.

## **EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMY**

5AM - 11/18

THERE'S WORD OF MORE JOB CUTS AT VERIZON. THE LARGEST UNION FOR THE COMPANY SAYS VERIZON IS LAYING OFF MORE THAN ONE-THOUSAND EMPLOYEES IN D.C., MARYLAND, AND VIRGINIA. A VERIZON SPOKESMAN SAYS THE LAYOFFS ARE PART OF THE ALREADY ANNOUNCED PLAN TO CUT EIGHT-THOUSAND JOBS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. HE CONFIRMS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN LAYOFFS THIS WEEK.. BUT WOULD NOT CONFIRM THE NUMBER GIVEN BY THE UNION.

12PM - 11:25

HUNDREDS OF TEACHERS FIRED FROM D-C SCHOOLS WON'T GET THEIR JOBS BACK. A D-C SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE DENIED A REQUEST FROM THE WASHINGTON TEACHERS UNION TO REINSTATE THE EMPLOYEES... UNTIL A LAWSUIT IS RESOLVED. SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR MICHELLE RHEE FIRED 266 EDUCATORS AND 122 OTHER EMPLOYEES IN OCTOBER. THE UNION FILED A LAWSUIT... SAYING THE FIRINGS COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED.

12PM - 12/3

PRESIDENT OBAMA IS ADDRESSING THE NATION'S HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE TODAY AT A WHITE HOUSE JOBS SUMMIT. HE PLANS TO DISCUSS JOB CREATION WITH BUSINESS AND LABOR LEADERS. SOME SUGGEST CUTTING PAYROLL TAXES TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES THAT CREATE TWO-THIRDS OF THE COUNTRY'S JOBS. OTHERS SUGGEST LENDING THEM MONEY DIRECTLY, USING FUNDS FROM THE BANKING BAILOUT.

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6PM - 10/8

THOUSANDS OF WORKERS WILL BE OUT OF A JOB WHEN WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER CLOSES NEXT YEAR. TO HELP THEM AND OTHERS, THE BRAC CAREER TRANSITION CENTER IS NOW OPEN ON THE WALTER REED CAMPUS. THE CENTER IS AVAILABLE TO ALL CIVILIAN WORKERS AFFECTED BY THE BASE REALIGNMENT CLOSURE IN OUR AREA. WORKERS CAN GET TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR CAREER RE-TRAINING AND CAREER COUNSELING. THE CENTER IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN D-C'S DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND WALTER REED.

## **FAMILY ISSUES**

5AM - 10/23

MORE AND MORE MILITARY FAMILIES ARE GETTING INVOLVED IN A NEW WAY TO STAY CONNECTED WITH THEIR CHILDREN.. WHILE ON DEPLOYMENT. SERVICE MEMBERS OVERSEAS ARE ABLE TO RECORD VIDEOS OF THEMSELVES.. READING STORIES TO THEIR CHILDREN. IT'S ALL PART OF THE "UNITED THROUGH READING PROGRAM".. MADE POSSIBLE BY THE U-S-O. FAMILIES AT HOME RECEIVE A COPY OF THE VIDEO.. AND THE BOOK.. SO THEY CAN READ ALONG.

5AM - 11/16

A NON-PROFIT IN LOUDOUN COUNTY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FULL MEALS TO THE FAMILIES IN NEED THIS THANKSGIVING. THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES SAYS MORE THAN 500 ADDITIONAL FAMILIES ARE SEEKING HELP THIS THANSKGIVING. BUT DONATIONS ARE DOWN. YESTERDAY.. A VOLUNTEER AND HER SON WENT OUT AND BOUGHT A WHOLE CARLOAD OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD.. FOR THE NEEDY FAMILIES

5AM - 12/7

THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS ARE EXPECTED TO DEPLOY TO AFGHANISTAN IN THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS.BUT BEFORE THEY GO...SOME ARE RECEIVING A LITTLE HOLIDAY CHEER. 100-MILITARY FAMILIES FROM AROUND THE D-C AREA PICKED OUT A CHRISTMAS TREE FROM THE SMOKEY GLEN FARM IN GAITHERSBURG YESTERDAY. THE U-S-O OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON PAID FOR THE TREES WITH DONATIONS FROM B-A-E SYSTEMS AND ITS EMPLOYEES. THE SNOW LEFT BEHIND BY SATURDAY'S STORM HELPED MAKE IT A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE.

5PM - 11/6

THOUSANDS OF LOCAL FAMILIES ARE TAKING ACTION TO SPREAD A LITTLE CHEER TO U-S TROOPS OVERSEAS. IT'S ALL PART OF THE "TREATS FOR TROOPS" PROGRAM. PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE AREA DROPPED OFF THOUSANDS OF POUNDS OF HALLOWEEN CANDY IN BETHESDA. IT WILL ALL BE DONATED TO A GROUP THAT WILL PACK IT UP AND SEND IT TO TROOPS SERVING IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN.

5PM - 11/13

THE D-C COUNCIL MET TODAY, TO DISCUSS ITS FIGHT WITH THE WASHINGTON CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OVER GAY MARRIAGE. THE COUNCIL SAYS THERE'S LITTLE ROOM FOR COMPROMISE. THE CHURCH SAYS IT WILL STOP ITS CHARITY SERVICES IN D-C, UNLESS A BILL REQUIRING IT TO RECOGNIZE GAY COUPLES IS CHANGED. THE BILL DOES \*NOT\* REQUIRE RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO PERFORM GAY WEDDINGS. CATHOLIC CHARITIES STILL SERVE OTHER STATES THAT LEGALIZED GAY MARRIAGE, BUT STOPPED ADOPTIONS IN BOSTON, WHERE SAME SEX COUPLES CANNOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST.

5PM - 11/19

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS, FAMILIES AND CHILDREN GATHERED ALONG THE STEPS OF THE WILSON BUILDING TODAY TO PROTEST CUTS TO SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE PROGRAMS. IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, D-C SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE PROGRAMS HAVE SUFFERED BY 22-MILLION DOLLARS FORCING SOME CENTERS TO CLOSE. MANY PROVIDERS RECEIVE LESS MONEY NOW THAN THEY DID IN 2004. SOME PARENTS SAY WITHOUT CHILD CARE, THEY CAN'T GO TO WORK.

5PM - 11/23

D-C FIREFIGHTERS RESPONDED TO HOMES ACROSS SOUTHEAST TODAY.. BUT THEY WEREN'T PUTTING OUT FIRES. INSTEAD, THE CREWS HELPED DONATE ALL THE FIXINGS FOR A TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING MEAL TO THOSE IN NEED.

THE FIREFIGHTERS HAD BEEN TO THE HOMES BEFORE, RESPONDING TO CALLS. IT WAS THEN THEY REALIZED THE FAMILIES NEEDED HELP. THE HOLIDAYS WERE ONCE A SOURCE OF STRESS AND ANXIETY, BUT NOW THE FAMILIES ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FESTIVITIES.

11PM - 12/24

SOME D-C FAMILIES STRUGGLING THIS CHRISTMAS HAVE GIFTS TO OPEN TOMORROW, THANKS TO THEIR NEIGHBORS. D-C FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEERS TEAMED UP WITH SANTA CLAUS TO DELIVER GIFTS TO CHILDREN IN SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON. THE GIFTS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES WHO HAVE GIVEN BACK TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. PARENTS ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE EXTRA HELP DURING THESE TOUGH TIMES.

## **ELDERLY & AGING**

6AM - 11/18

NOW TO THE HEALTH CARE DEBATE. SENATE DEMOCRATS \*MAY\* FINALLY UNVEIL THEIR HEALTH CARE BILL TODAY. THEY ARE WAITING ON FINAL A COST ESTIMATE. THE BILL IS SAID TO INCLUDE A NEW VOLUNTARY LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PROGRAM....DESIGNED TO HELP THE DISABLED AND ELDERLY STAY IN THEIR HOMES. MEANTIME, THE HOUSE EXPECTED TO VOTE ON A BILL TOMORROW THAT COULD \*INCREASE\* THE COST OF MEDICARE FOR SENIORS.

5PM - 12/11

CHECKING NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION... MARYLAND'S FIRST VIDEO SLOTS PARLOR MAY NOT BE OPENING AS SOON AS FIRST EXPECTED. THE OWNER OF OCEAN DOWNS SAYS AGING STEEL BEAMS, ASBESTOS, AND LEAD PAINT IN THE TRACK'S GRANDSTAND ARE HOLDING UP THE PROJECT. ORGANZERS ARE PLANNING FOR 800 SLOT MACHINES IN A NEW FACILITY WHERE THE GRANDSTAND IS NOW. THE PROJECT WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN MAY.

5PM - 12/15

NEW STUDY FINDS PEOPLE WHO LOOK YOUNGER ACTUALLY LIVE LONGER. RESEARCH ON NEARLY 2000 ELDERLY DANISH TWINS SHOWED THOSE WHO LOOKED YOUNGER THAN THEIR ACTUAL AGE ENJOYED A HEALTHY, LONG LIFE. DOCTORS SAY YOUNGER LOOKING PEOPLE TEND TO HAVE LONGERTELOMERES - PROTECTIVE CAPS THAT KEEP D-N-A FROM GETTING DAMAGED. A HEALTHY DIET AND PLENTY OF EXERCISE ALSO HELP KEEP THE D-N-A INTACT.

5PM - 12/29

IF YOU PLAN TO VISIT A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND LIVING INSIDE A NURSING HOME THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD KEEP IN MIND. HEALTH EXPERTS ADVISE TO NEVER VISIT A NURSING HOME IF YOU HAVE A COLD OR THE FLU. BE SURE TO WASH YOUR HANDS FOR AT LEAST 15 TO 20 SECONDS BEFORE VISITING A LOVED ONE. IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN, MAKE SURE THEY ARE WELCOME-- MANY FACILITIES DISCOURAGE VISITS FROM YOUNGSTERS BECAUSE OF GERMS THEY CAN CARRY.

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